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SUBJECT: ELECTION SUMMARY: NINETY PERCENT OF MANILA VOTE
TABULATED; KBL FAR AHEAD; CITY REMAINS QUIET

REF: A) MANILA 5956; (B) MANILA 5958; (C) MANILA 6013

1. SUMMARY: WITH OVER 90 PERCENT OF THE BALLOTS COUNTED, THE KBL HAS CLEARLY CAPTURED ALL 21 METRO MANILA SEATS FOR THE INTERIM BATASANG PAMBANSA. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LABAN LEADER AQUINO AND THE LAST PLACE KBL CANDIDATE HAS WIDENED TO OVER 200,000 VOTES. LABAN CANDIDATE BARICAN, IN A STATEMENT SENT TO THE PRESS, DENIED HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBERSIVE ELEMENTS OR THAT HE WAS IN HIDING. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENRILE CONTINUED TO PAINT PICTURES OF SUBVERSION, WARNING THAT SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WERE ATTEMPTING TO USE REPUTABLE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS FOR SEDITIOUS PURPOSES. THE OPPOSITION'S PLANNED NOISE DEMONSTRATIONS (MANILA 5956) FAILED TO MATERIALIZE OVER THE WEEKEND, AS THE GOVERNMENT SATURATED MANILA WITH SECURITY FORCESM THE LOCAL PRESS CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE THE REPORTING OF THE FOREIGN MEDIA, WITH MAJOR PAPERS GIVING PROMINENT COVERAGE TO BERT LANCE'S RECENT CRITICISMS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS. END SUMMARY.

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2. WITH OVER 90 PERCENT OF THE BALLOTS COUNTED (10,551 PRECINCTS OUT OF 11,500) THE KBL HAS CLEARLY SWEEPED ALL 21 METRO MANILA SEATS FOR THE INTERIM BATASANG PAMBANSA. AS OF 1700 HOURS, APRIL 16, IMELDA MARCOS LED THE PARADE OF KBL WINNERS WITH OVER 1,600,000 VOTES. LAST PLACE KBL CANDIDATE PERFECTO HAS ACCUMULATED 1,367,787

VOTES PLACING HIM 212,359 BALLOTS AHEAD OF OF LABAN LEADER AQUINO.

3. FERNANDO BARICAN, ONE OF THE LABAN CANDIDATES CHARGED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS WITH ASSOCIATING WITH SUBVERSIVES, DENIED THE CHARGES IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN PART BY THE DAILY EXPRESS APRIL 16. BARICAN ALSO ASSERTED HE HAS BEEN HOME AND NOT IN HIDING DURING THIS PERIOD AND HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN HIS NORMAL ACTIVITIES. THE EXPRESS CLAIMS IT TRIED TO CONTACT BARICAN BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM.

4. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENRILE CONTINUED TO KEEP THE SPECTER OF SUBVERSION ALIVE BY ANNOUNCING APRIL 16 THAT HE HAD ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE REPORTED INFILTRATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS INTO REPUTABLE CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS. ENRILE URGED MANILA'S CITIZENRY NOT TO ENDANGER NATIONAL SECURITY BY PARTICIPATING IN ILLEGAL ASSEMBLIES OR OTHER SEDITIONOUS ACTIVITY.

5. THE OPPOSITION'S NOISE DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR APRIL 14 AND 15 FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. THERE WERE APPARTNELTY NO DEMONSTRATIONS APRIL 14 AND ONLY SMALL SCATTERED GATHERINGS THE EVENING OF THE 15TH. BOTH NIGHTS SECURITY ELEMENTS WERE OUT IN FORCE AND LOCAL BARANGAY CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS WERE MUCH IN EVIDENCE PATROLLING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR AREAS.

6. THE FOREIGN PRESS ONCE AGAIN WAS SUBJECT OF CRITICAL COMMENTS REGARDING THEIR COVERAGE OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL APRIL 14, THE EVENING POST NOTED WHAT IT CALLED THE "CONGENITAL DEFECT" OF THE WESTERN PRESS: "RUDENESS AND A TENDENCY TO ASK LEADING QUESTIONS, SOME OF WHICH REQUIRE SELF INCRIMINATING ANSWERS, OR ARE ENTIRELY OUT OF LINE, SEEM TO BE THE WORKING STYLE OF MANY WESTERN NEWSMEN, ESPECIALLY AMERICANS." DAILY EXPRESS COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA CLAIMED U.S. PRESS REPORTING ON THE ELECTIONS WAS "THE SAME TRIPE THEY HAVE BEEFN DISHING OUT TO AMERICANS FOR THE LAST VIE AND A HALF YEARS." ALL OF THE MAJOR DAILIES GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AS WELL TO BURT LANCE'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT UNLESS THE AMERICAN PRESS DISCIPLINED ITSELF, IT WOULD PROVOKE EXTERNAL CENSORSHIP. VALENCIA CLAIMED THAT LANCE'S STATEMENT IS "WHAT I HAVE BEEN SAYING ALL ALONG."
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